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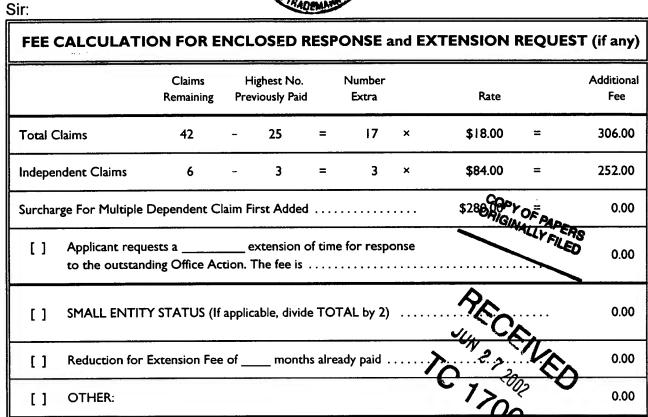
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2002, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the above-captioned patent application:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 11-13, 18, 19, and 23. The following is a marked up version of the amended claims to aid the Examiner in identifying the changes to the claims. A clean version of the amended claims is appended to the end of this document.

MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (once amended) A process for removing sulfur from a hydrocarbon comprising: conveying a feed stream past a first side of a selective solid membrane, wherein 06/19/2002 JBALINAN 00000015 024245

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